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Dirtied but determined to go on, Mudfest participants brave the elements and man-made obstacles at Bissell's Hideaway on Saturday. See story on page 2.





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A Mudfest participant crawls through one of the last, and probably muddiest, obstacles on the course.

Mudfest helps woman conquer her fears

DAN DAKIN

QMI Agency Niagara What Frank Adamson promised, Mother Nature

delivered The organizer of the Pelham Mudfest Challenge at Bissell's Hideaway on Metler Rd. said the second edition of the fundraiser for Pelham Cares would be muddler than the inaugural edition in

On Saturday - the morning after heavy downpours hammered Niagara — close

to 120 participants found out just how true to his word Adamson was The expanded six-kilome-

tre course included 17 obstacles ranging from chilly pond crossings and mud pits to a five-metre-tall log wall that had to be conquered.

For 55-year-old Jan Reid, it was her own fear that was conquered.

"This is a milestone for me. I am scared of heights, and I actually did it," said Reid. "This is just bucket list stuff. I can't believe I actually did it."

Running the event with a fitness group from Fonthill, the mother of two found herself facing her fears at the

top of the log wall. I just said to myself, 'I came out here to do this and I have to do it. I have no choice.' And it's a real team

effort. The group is there for you," she sald. Reid plans to take part in the 2015 Mudfest Challenge, which will only be held in the spring this time, according to Adamson "There's a lot of stuff going

on in the fall," he said. "We're going to go once a year. "We did the spring as a trial, thinking fall would be the one we would do. But

we've already decided we're just going to do the one in the spring. Adamson said the earlier event this year drew about

170 people, and he expects an annual spring event will attract students from Brock

University and Niagara College, in addition to local residents "We're just going to keep growing this thing," he said.

The two events this year raised approximately \$10,000 for Pelham Cares' Home for Good fundraising campaign.

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Irvine Mair



Fonthill businesses working on development plans for the two existing businesses and addi-

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More development is being planned for downtown Fonthill. While the massive east Fonthill development continues to move forward at the corner of Rice Rd. and Hwy. 20, a pair of local businesses are making their own plans for a new home.

A site plan application was recently approved by Pelham town council that clears one hurdle to allow the 2,000-square-foot building at 15 Hwy. 20 E. to be replaced by a commercial and residential building

For the past 19 years, the building has housed Panda Chiropractic and Contour Foot Care, businesses owned by the husband-and-wife duo of Richard and Tia Taylor. There's also a single apartment above the businesses.

"We've wanted to put a new office in for a long time," said Richard Taylor, whose wife is the owner of the property. Taylor said he was reluctant to get into details of what's planned because they haven't reached the final design stage

yet.
"This is in its preliminary stages. It has literally been years to get to site plan. These wheels move very slowly," he said. What is known is the new building would have first-floor commercial space tional businesses. There would also be two floors of residential units, but Tavlor said it hasn't been determined if that will be made up of rental or condominium units. Underground parking is also planned.

Taylor said the decision to build a new building isn't related to other developments in Fonthill, but simply out of a

need to replace an aging building Still. Pelham Mayor Dave Augustyn said he takes it as a positive sign that businesses are taking advantage of financial incentives made available through a community improvement plan a few

The incentives we put in place encourage development in the downtown area," he said.

Businesses can apply for incentives ranging from tax breaks for new developments to up to \$12,500 for facade improvements on existing buildings. There are also municipal and regional tax incentives for downtown residential developments.

"We heard loud and clear; people want a vibrant downtown," Augustyn said. "People living there allows businesses to

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A van drives past the building at 15 Hwy. 20 E. in Fonthill. The property owners want to replace the aging building with a three-storey mixed-used commercial and residential building.

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COMMENT

Catholic schools on slow march to extinction

ruling.

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ou have to give Catholic school boards in Ontario props for heing consistent. You know, in the same way that Wile E. Coyote is consistent, no matter how many times he falls off that cliff or runs headlong into a stone wall, he still gets up and tries to eat that hird.

But in as much as titling at windmills can be admirable, there does come a point when Quixotic behaviour simply results in taking giant fan blades to the face

By way of a for instance, consider the case of Peterhorough teacher Paul Blake, recently disciplined by the Catholic high school he taught at because he told his students about an Ontario Superior Court ruling stating Catholic schools - as puhlicly funded institutions - cannot force students to take religious studies.

Catholic schools are increasingly under pressure to wake up and join the 21st century. Kept alive by the dusty British North America Act, they are rapidly losing

relevance and keep ending up on the wrong Ministry of Education using general tax side of high profile issues. A growing number of parents, whose

children go to a Catholic school largely because it is the closest, or only, public school within reach, don't want their children taking Catholic dogma classes. They understandahly would rather their kids stayed focused on academics.

Catholic school boards, as you might expect, don't agree. In April, the courts told the schools stu-

dents can be exempt if their parents wish it. The Catholic hoards reacted by jumping into hed, pulling their blankets over their heads and pretending the court ruling doesn't exist.

They're trying to get around the court ruling hy using a half-baked argument that if you selected to support Catholic schools on your property taxes, you cannot exempt your kid from religious classes.

Apparently, they forgot the old system of paying for separate schools through property taxes died in 1980. Catholic schools are paid for by the

revenues. Which is why the argument, "If you don't want to attend Catholic classes, don't go to a Catholic school," is a completely impotent one. If these schools were privately funded, like every other sectarian school in Ontario, that argument would work. But they are not. Hence the court

No one is saying they cannot have their religion classes, they just cannot force students to take them. Such is the price of accepting public dollars.

Parents are up in arms and waiting for Liz Sandals, our timid minister of education, to do something. So far she has refused to discuss the issue with the press.

All of which hrings us hack to back to Mr. Blake. Given the court ruling and the number of news stories about it, he thought it prudent to discuss the issue with his students. When he asked his principal how he ought to approach it, he was told never to

Because, you know, the hest and most responsible way to handle things is to pretend they aren't happening. Blake was laid off as a "surplus" teacher a few weeks later and, since he was heing

let go, decided to tell the students ahout the ruling. He promptly received a formal disciplinary letter because he "undermined the vision and mission of the hoard." He has since found work in England.

The Blake affair is a mess: school boards defying the courts, a teacher being told to mislead students by omission, and a government refusing to step up and do what must he done.

If Catholics school hoards have any hone of remaining relevant they have to realize their existence is not assured. The BNA Act allows for them, but it is not a guaranteed right like freedom of speech. It's heen changed elsewhere in Canada, and can be changed here.

At some point, they are going to have to realize the days of separate schools heing treated with kid gloves are over and if they continue down this sort of road, they will not protect their school hoards but push them closer to extinction.

Shipwrecks — Pearl Light



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he Pearl Light was in the twilight of its career when it came through the St. Lawrence Seaway for one trip in 1965. The vessel had been built at Sunderland, England, and launched for the British Ministry of War Transport on Aug. 14, 1943, during the

height of the Second World War. Originally the Empire Duchess, the ship was sold after the war and had four subsequent names, all for ocean trading, hefore becoming Pearl Light in 1964. During its visit to the Great Lakes in 1965, the flag of Hong Kong was flying on the stern of the 136-metre-long steamship.

The final name of Habib Marikar was given in 1966 hut the ship did not finish 1967. While crossing the South China Sea on Nov. 3, 1967, the engine failed during Typhoon Emma. The 24-year-old freighter, carrying a cargo of hagged cement, was at the mercy of the wind and churning seas. The vessel was on a voyage to Chittagong, Bangladesh, when it ran into trouble under these awful conditions. The ship was driven ashore on one of the Paracel Islands the next day and hecame a total loss. One memher of the crew was lost but the other 43 sailors were rescued by landing craft launched by the crew of the U.S.S. Navarro.

Monster of Merrittville



The monster truck Krazy Train, from Hamburg, N.Y., jumps over some wrecked cars during a demonstration on the final day of racing at Merrittville Speedway in Thorold Sunday afternoon.



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■ ENTERTAINMENT: TV show wants to profile Niagara homeowners

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owners. Why? To be featured on a television show. Bonus: Receive a major home renova-

tion for free Mountain Road Productions is casting a new series called I Wrecked My House

and is looking to cast two bomeowners in Niagara. The homeowners who are cast for the show will receive a free home renova-

"We are focusing on smaller towns. You can find some really funny and interesting characters in small towns," said communications and post-production manager Margaret Robitaille

They respond well to TV shows com-

ing to their communities."

I Wrecked My House is an HGTV Canada series hosted by comedian Steve Patterson that features eccentric, kooky and unconventional approaches to home

repairs. The series aired as a one-hour special on HGTV last April and has just been picked up for 14, balf-bour episodes that

are set to begin filming this fall The series highlights some of the unique and outside-the-box approaches to bome maintenance and the show is looking for homeowners that take a more "MacGyvered" (take something and make it something it shouldn't be) approach to do-it-yourself fixes in their

Robitaille said the show is looking for two homeowners in Niagara, which would allow them to film two shows in the area.

In the past, the show has featured homeowners who have gone beyond strange, wacky and extreme jerry-rigged fixes, including someone who used a fridge to support their house, a person who used a diaper to deal with a leaking pipe under a sink, and another homeowner who used a plastic bag as a curtain to keep cold air

Robitaille said in one instance. a homeowner had a live wire dangling above their sink with a sign saying "live.

She said the show is not meant to insult anyone. It's meant for "fun-loving" people with a "good sense of humour" who don't take themselves too seriously.

"It's like a comedy of errors." Robitaille said people can e-mail their submissions, which should include a story of what

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ride Sunday in support of the

Walker Family Cancer Cen-

for the show will receive a free home renovation. they have done to their home, photos of the repairs, photos of themselves or the not-so-handy

person they're nominating, and contact information, to casting@ mountainroad.ca. Robitaille said people interested in submitting should do

Inspiration powers riders in the Big Move

A new TV series called I Wrecked My House is looking to cast two

homeowners in the Niagara region. The homeowners that are cast

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tre was dedicated as being 'Inspired by Marty,' Riders paid homage to much-loved oncologist Marty Samosh, who lost his 14-year battle with lymphoma in March this year.

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"We are so touched that eve ryone has Marty in their minds and hearts," said his wife, Rosa-lie Samosh. "This whole ride is paved with a lot of angels - a lot of people who have battled cancer and their families, and our hearts go out to all the heroes out there still fighting.

"Marty did lose his battle in March, but his dream of finding a cure is still out there and we are so grateful that he is remembered today in such a positive way."

She said each of the nearly 50 riders from the Walker Family Cancer Centre Cycles team They've been riding for six handed her a yellow rose on years, but this year it was pertheir way past the finish line, where she was cheering on the The annual Big Move bike

COMMUNITY: Walker Centre members honour memory of Marty Samosh

She had company, too. Staff and students of Grapeview School, where Rosalie Samosh is a Grade 3 teacher. came out to cheer along with her. This is the third year that Grapeview School has shown its support for the Big Move.

"It's important for the kids to give back. We need to start teaching them at a young age that it's important to be a community citizen and give back to your community," said Pam Shonewille, a Grade 1/2 teacher there who helped start Grapeview's involvement three years ago.

"It's personal to all of us this year," added Grapeview principal Shelley Febrman. It was "inspiring" to see the school's involvement, said

Paulanne Jushevich, president and CEO of the St. Catharines Hospital Foundation.

"If we can bring in increased community support like that, it would be very important for the success," she said.

About 525 riders participated in this year's event with a goal of raising \$400,000. Beginning and ending at Club Roma. cyclists had a choice of riding a 30-, 60- or 100-km course. The ride has raised \$2.1 million since its inception in 2009.

The money raised by Sunday's ride will be used to purchase radiation and other diagnostic equipment for St. Catharines hospital.

"Monetarily, it's phenomenal," said Jushevich. "We should be closing in on \$2.5 million by the end of the day, but what we also need is the community backing. ... That is very important to us."

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The legislation, Diodati added, "will Ontario's watchdog could get more teeth

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Being investigated by the Ontario ombudsman's office is like having "someone come through and inspect your cleaning with a white glove," says Niagara Falls Mayor Jim Diodati.

And when those white gloves turn grey, it becomes apparent you can always do a better job, no question about it."

Soon, the ombudsman's white glove could be used to look into more than just the legality of municipal meetings held behind closed doors.

The province plans to give the office of Ontarlo ombudsman Andre Marin extra powers, allowing it to also investigate public complaints about decisions made by local governments.

Linda Williamson, a spokeswoman for the ombudsman's office, said the province's Accountability Act legislation, derailed by the May provincial election, was reintroduced and passed first reading July 8.

Diodati said welcomes the additional scrutiny from the province's watchdog - even those he's the head of a council that was subjected to ombudsman investigations into closed-door meetings twice over the past few years.

"Anything that calls for more transparency, I'm very much in

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favour of." Diodati said.

"I think that's the way to go." Although municipalities are already held to a high standard, St. Catharines Mayor Brian McMullan said he would welcome changes that could enhance accountabil-

"Probably more than any other level of government - meaning federal and provincial — municipalities. I think, are the most accountable to the people and always have been," he said.

"But if there's a way to strengthen that and ensure that any concerns are properly addressed in an open and transparent matter, then I certainly support that."

Other representatives of local municipalities were less recep-

"The municipal sector, in addition to the ombudsman's oversight of the open meeting legislation, has more accountability controls in finance, in planning, in every area of municipal operation," said Welland Mayor Barry Sharpe. "So bringing in another level of

accountability oversight seems to me to be overkill." Welland is in the midst of its first ombudsman investigation.

looking into an in-camera meeting held in February. In-camera, or closed door, meetings in St. Catharines, Pelham and at Niagara Region and the Niagara District Airport Commission, as well as several closeddoor meetings in Fort Erie, were all under the ombudsman's microscone in recent years.

Sharpe said he's particularly concerned about the time and money small communities will have to commit to investigations if the ombudsman's office is also permitted to look into public com-

"It would definitely have an impact on municipal organizations. In particular, small municinalities could be in a situation where their resources were tied up almost continuously dealing with complaints related to what the act called maladministration. That's the issue," Sharpe said.

"That's the reason I asked the chair of regional council (Gary Burroughs) to get it on our agenda at the Region, and why I was hopeful it would be a matter for discussion at (Association of Municipalities of Ontario) conference." McMullan and Diodati agreed

the new legislation could be a burden on smaller communities. But democracy isn't cheap, Diodati said "We're democratic or we're not.

People, if they're going to have an open and free vote, they need to have all the facts before they make a decision.

force people when they know they're going to be scrutinized ... I think it'll encourage them to make good decisions.

And I think that's key." It has also been a topic of concern for the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, the body that represents 444 cit-

ies, towns and villages across the prov-Board member and Niagara-on-the-Lake Coun. Jim Collard said it was discussed at the recent AMO conference, although he said detailed information

about it has yet to be provided to mem-He said he hopes the association's questions about the legislation will be

answered later this fall. "We hope that we'll get a chance to see it at the memorandum of understanding table sometime in the fall. We assume that

we will," he said. Niagara's integrity commissioner. George Rust-D'Eye, said the proposed legislation has left him wondering what the act is expected to accomplish that's not already being done by municipalities themselves

For instance, while the ombudsman would be able to investigate the process politicians followed in making their decision, it's assumed he would not get authority to decide an issue - only to tell municipalities to start over if the process

was flawed. "I'm concerned. It seems to be a drawback from what had previously been decision-making by the legislature to basically expand municipal powers to involve their

own accountability and transparency. "Municipalities were given the power to appoint integrity commissioners, among other officials, and to draft codes of conduct," he said, referring to the amend-

ments made to the Municipal Act in 2006. "I think that system has been working fairly well." The Toronto-based lawyer, who works as an integrity commissioner for several other Ontario municipalities, said the new legislation will essentially give the ombudsman's office jurisdiction "over municipal ethical matters by having basically the power to investigate any decision or recommendation in the course of the administration of a municipal government

Rust-D'Eye said the legislation is not clear about the role of the ombudsman's office with respect to municipalities that already employ integrity commissioners. However, he said, "it appears that the

provincial ombudsman may become some sort of an appellant tribunal from local decision-making." While McMullan agreed the legislation

needs clarification, he said he doesn't think "it's intended to circumvent the authority and responsibility of the integrity commissioners. "I think that can be addressed as we go

through the legislative process," McMullan said Williamson agreed there could be some

overlap between the ombudsman's office and the work already being done by integrity commissioners "The whole idea of an ombudsman is

that it's very broad," she said. "We look at pretty much anything that has to do with provincial government service and all kinds of issues. ... It's very broad, and that's what we're meant to

Once the legislation is approved, Williamson said, the office will launch an education campaign to inform people about the changes. Williamson said the legislation will also

allow the ombudsman's office to investigate complaints about universities and school boards, while establishing a new patient ombudsman to look into complaints about hospitals and long-term care homes

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NRP has role in Hollywood thriller realism

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Niagara cops helped give a Canadian motion picture a shot of realism

And two years later, officers from the child abuse unit of the Niagara Regional Police were invited to a private Toronto screening of Atom Egoyan's film The Captive.

"It was nice to see the finished movie product," said NRP Det.-Sgt. Scott Kraushar, who heads up the child abuse unit. "And also to know there was a sense they had made strong attempts to make it as real as possible, by getting input from real investigators. In the just-released motion picture, Ryan Reynolds and Mireille Enos play couple Matthew and Tina from Niagara Falls. They have a daughter Cassandra who suddenly

vanishes without a trace. Scott Speedman and Rosario Dawson play the investigating detectives, one of whom is suspicious of Matthew. After eight years, the detectives, who are also involved in anti child pornography work, find evidence Cassandra might still

in creating believable policing That crew, along with the producer and Speedman, visited NRP's offices at James St. half-day sessions.

About two years ago, the

production company - which

did some filming in Niagara -

called the unit asking for help

in St. Catharines over three Kraushar said police were asked to provide "technical information to help with the casting and creation of the

police aspects of the movie." "The whole premise is a child abduction," he said. adding questions were asked

investigations.

situations," he said.

office set up here." Movie advice was also passed on to the team by the force's Internet child exploitation and tech crime units.

"They also asked how we

gel as a team and approach certain high-risk takedown

Kraushar said The Captive production team was also curious "from a (movie) set perspective how we have our

"They were very welcom-

ing to us and appreciated our input into what I believe was a very good movie," Kraushar

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Det.-Const. Amanda Sand-

ers of the NRP child abuse

unit said the crew was open-

"I thought going to the pre-

miere was a good opportu-nity for us." Sanders said. "I

think they really (focused) on

the victims' experience when

they're going through some-

minded during their visit.

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> "And also the fact we don't solve crimes like this as fast as TV sometimes portrays." In an e-mail, director Evogan said he's "extremely impressed with the excellent

work (unit is) doing."
"I am so grateful for their contribution to the film."

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New book digs into Niagara's fab food

Tiffany Mayer was a student in Regina

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14 years ago when she realized how fragile Canada's food industry was. How buying cheaper imports went beyond saving a few cents

At a taping for the CBC show Counterspin, she watched a Saskatchewan farmer. in tears, explain how he was about to lose

"He said. 'I have \$9,000 to live on for the year, my wife is about to leave me, I'm about to lose everything," she recalls. "He was like. 'How can I tell my son this is a good career to pursue?' That was like a Holy Cow moment for me.

She dove into agriculture journalism and brought her love of locally-grown food to Niagara, where she was an agriculture writer for most of her five years at

The stories were plentiful. Here was

some of the country's prime fruit land, facing its own unique challenges

"From a consumer's standpoint, we're incredibly lucky," she says. "We are in one of the most unique growing regions in Canada. There aren't that many places that can grow peaches and cherries

"From the farmer's standpoint, I don't think anyone will tell you it's an easy job but they clearly are addicted to it. Or just

don't know any different!" Mayer still had plenty of stories to tell after leaving the paper, so she gathered them for her first book, Niagara Food: A Flavourful History of the Peninsula's Bounty.

Released last week, the 160-page book (History Press, \$22) probes the issues. success stories and constant surprises

Mayer found roaming the region's

Among other hurdles, "cheap imports" are a constant concern

for local farmers. "When people look at the price of a basket of peaches, for example, they say 'I can get cheaper peaches elsewhere.' I don't think they really think about all that went in to growing those peaches.

"The cost to prune the tree at the beginning of the season, the labour to harvest the peaches, the time spent in the packing shed, the cost of shipping. People deserve to make a fair wage and have a decent standard of living."

Mayer describes the books as "Cole's Notes" to Niagara's food scene, offering insight into what to buy, when to buy it, and how to serve it. Chapters focus on farming, wine country cuisine, and local leg-

Her biggest challenge was try-ing to get the book finished before the birth of her daughter, Olivia. The baby won that race, but releasing the book this month was a whole different kind of labour

"I thought it would be exhilarating, and it's terrifying," she says. "I sort of feel like it's the second child I've given birth to this year, and this one I'm putting out there



St. Catharines resident Tiffany Mayer with her first book, Niagara Food: A Flavourful History of the Peninsula's Bounty.

for everyone to see and hope they with Amazon.ca. Twitter: @Tiff-The book is available at local Cole's and Chapters stores, along

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■ EDUCATION: Many area schools have international students enrolled

Schools monitoring students for Ebola symptoms

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ing to Niagara from Eholaplagued countries are heing asked to watch for symptoms of the deadly virus.

Niagara Region's public health department has issued an advisory for schools with international students to monitor anyone coming from countries dealing with the growing outhreak. Mandatory screenings, however, aren't required.

aren't required.
"Niagara Region Public Health
is following the guidelines of Public Health Ontario and those are
hased on a risk assessment," said
Jessica Hopkins, Niagara's associate medical officer of health. "There
is no recommendation for a mass
screening for students returning
from affected countries."

Students from Nigeria and other affected countries attending Brock University, Niagara College and international private schools, such as Ridley College in St. Catharines and Nia-

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gara Christian Community of Schools in Fort Erie, are asked to watch for symptoms for a 21-day period since they left Africa.

"If they develop the symptoms, we have plans in place that involve the school and the Niagara Health System," Hopkins said. "They will be immediately put into isolation and assessed. Then it will he determined if they might have (Ehola)."

A patient last week was put into isolation at St. Catharines hospital after displaying Eholalike symptoms. The person, who's age, sex or nationality was not released, was quarantined for three days hefore test results came hack neastive for Ehola.

Brock University media relations manager Jeff Sinihaldi said the school has 1,900 international students, including 50 from West Africa. Niagara College marketing and communications director Dorita Pentesco said there are ahout 50 students from Nigeria enrolled at the school this year.

Both schools said they've

heen in contact with public health and are following their guidelines.

"We've issued communications to the international students from Nigeria and passed on information from public health," Pentesco said.

Mark Thiessen, principal at the Niagara Christian Community of Schools in Fort Erie, said he was contacted by the public health department regarding screening and surveillance pro-

cedures.

The private school has 220 students in grades 6 to 12 from 15 countries. Thiessen said there are "several" from Nigeria and that school staff are helping monitor them for any symp-

Hopkins said it's important to note the virus cannot spread from person to person when there are no symptoms present during the 21-day incuhation period.

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Niagara Music Awards announce nominations

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The nominations are in for the seventh annual Niagara Music Awards. Rockers Step Echo, alt-country group Phantom 309 of Niagara Falls, and St. Catharines hip hop/funk ensemble Theatre Crisp lead the way with multiple

nominations for the Sept. 30 show in Niagara Falls. The nods were announced at Boston

WHAT: 7th Niagara Music Awards WHEN: Sept. 30, 7 p.m. WHERE: Taps Brewhouse & Grill, 4680 Oueen St., Niagara Falls TICKETS: www.

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"It feels amazing and I am grateful," says longtime Niagara Falls country singer Barby Collins, who collected three good to limit to five nominees.

"It's a little more exciting," she

Even so, categories for blues, jazz and country artist of the year didn't receive enough submissions and were cancelled. The event has faced some criti-

cism over charging artists a fee to "Most of us don't see the value in an awards show that asks to

Xprime on the Niagara Music Awards' Facebook page. But Visentin says until sponsorships can cover the entire cost of the show, entry fees are neces-

by next year.

"I wanted to do it this year, but we just couldn't," she says, "We're

again be on Queen St. in Niagara Falls, but moves from the Seneca Queen Theatre to Taps Brewhouse & Grill where it will be outdoors



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"We had a lot of (entries)," says co-organizer Erin Visentin, who adds some categories were too New group of the year has eight nominees, while original song of the year has 13.

says, "We didn't have a limit this

pay to be nominated for awards," writes Phil Taylor of Welland band

sary. She hopes to eliminate them

learning from this year and moving on to next year already." This year's show will once

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Cory Cruise, Jamie Derek Moore, The Rio Trio Album of the Year Ivy Coast, Phantom 309, Step

Theatre Crisp Electronic Music of the

Year The Status, Update, Todd Murphy

Engineer of the Year Ruben Arancibia, Straight South Female Vocalist of the Year Barby Collins, Gail D, Genev-

ieve-Renee Bisson, Jane Baker, Katey Gatta, Paige Kopp Folk Artist of the Year Phillip Bosley, RK Walker and Amp

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Ashram, Garage, Paul Layton, The Rio Trio, XLR8, Zu Virtu Male Vocalist of the Year Corey Cruise, Andy C. James

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Carina Frammartino, Diana Williamson, Garret Bell. Iamie Derek Moore, Katey Gatta, New Group of the Year

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Deadmau5 fires back at Disney

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The Deadmau5 vs. Disney batte of 2014 has just escalated. A day after the corporate media giant filed a 171-page trademark opposition against Deadmau5 for his famed headgear, the Niagara Falls-bom entertainer — real name; Joel Zimmerman — had his lawyer send a cease and desist

letter to the company.
The letter alleges Disney uses one of his most popular tracks, Ghosts 'n Stuff, for an animated clip on its website without his permission. The video features about 90 seconds of Zimmerman's music to accompany clips of old Mickey Mouse animation, for a short called Re-Micky

"We just hit them back pretty hard," Zimmerman said last Thursday. "They've been infringing on my rights the whole time." Zimmerman scanned both pages of the cease and desist and

posted it on his Twitter page. "Oh, @disney just in case you don't check your e-mail, I'll just leave this here," he wrote. He later added: "It takes' em 10 years to oppose a trademark. let's

see how long it takes 'em to take down a video."
Not long, apparently. The link Zimmerman attached in his tweet was inactive by Friday, redirecting to the DisneyParks.ca home

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Sac Mamerman was under contract with EMI Music Publishing when he composed the track,
and is "unaware of any licenses(s)
between Disney and EMI ... granting Disney the right to synchroting Disney the major to exploit the
master recording. "In any manner

or media."

On Wednesday, the company made a move to block Zimmerman from trademarking his familiar Mau5 head in the U.S., a



Deadmau5 poses on the red carpet during the 40th Juno Awards in Toronto in this March 27, 2011, file photograph.

prominent part of his music and branding since his first album in 2005. Disney claims the image is too similar to its iconic mascot Mickey Mouse, who first appeared in the 1928 animated short Seamboat Willie. Zimmerman applied through

the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office last year. He already owns the Mau5 Head image in 30 other countries. As part of its opposition, Dis-

ney contends it "owns longstanding rights in its mouse ears mark," and that Zimmerman's mau5head will create confusion.

"Disney doesn't want me to file in the U.S. for some weird reason," Zimmerman said. ""(I'm) trying to set up a jousting match in the Magic Kingdom to settle the mat-

In a written statement to media, LaPolt wonders why Dia ney is "only now coming after Deadmaus," since the electronic music producer has been using the mau5head "in the U.S. and around the world" for nearly a decade.

"Our client will not be bulled by Disney and is prepared to fight to protect his rights to his property." Disney responded with a statement sent late Friday: "Disney vigorously protects its trademark rights, and we oppose Mr. Zimmerman's attempt to register a logo that is nearly identical to our trademarks for his commercial exploitation," said a spokesper-

"Our opposition is not about the use of the Deadmau5 costume. The music was appropriately licensed, and there is no merit to his statement." It's not the first time a Niagara

native has squared off against Disney. In 2000, Fonthill architect

Edward Russell and business partner Nicholas Stracick of Buffalo negotlated an undisclosed settlement after a Florida jury awarded them \$240 million based on a finding the company used their design for a Wide World of Sports park.

The 80-hectare facility opened in 1997, a decade after the idea was pitched to Disney officials.

Port Colborne comedian nominated for major award

DAN DAKIN OMI Agency Niagara

Port Colborne comedian Joe Crawford has been nominated for a prestigjous American comedy award.

The Artists Music Guild named the 30-year-old as a nominee in the best comedian of the year category for its Heritage Awards. The ceremony will be held Nov. 15 in Monroe. N.C.

"It's an honour and a shock," said Crawford, who hosts the Niagara Dines show on the Sun Media newspaper sites across Niagara. "I don't see myself as doing it to win awards. I do it because people enjoy it. I want to make people happy and laugh. To be recognized for it ... is knowing I'm doing something right."

Crawford has been performing for 12 years and said he didn't know someone had put his name in for the award until the organizers told him he made the list of 25 nominees in June.
"I knew nothing about it. I got an

e-mail in June saying I was nominated," he said. In July Crawford found out he made

the shortlist of the final five nominees. He's now planning to head to the awards ceremony in November, where he and the other finalists will perform before the televised show is taped. Crawford hosts the loe Show, a radio

Crawford hosts the Joe Show, a radio and online broadcast each week. His next season premieres Oct. 1.

"I think my comedy people can relate to. Maybe it's different because of the Canadian aspect and because a lot of people talk about certain subjects where I'm 30 so I'm not talking about marriage or anything. I can relate my comedy to

whoever," he said. Crawford said he's the first Canadian comedian to receive a nomination in the five-year history of the AMG Heritage

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the incident Augustyn said the damage is repairable.

But since the town is now looking into replacing the 39-year-old facility, he wondered about the timing of the lightning

"Is somebody trying to tell us something?" he said with a laugh.

Augustyn said Kitchener-based consult ant AECOM provided town council with a "pretty damning assessment" of the build-

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author Brad King explains how an ancien

to be in pain than out of it, but no matter what I tried. the pain would always come back." "It was emberrassing to me, because here I was about to take the stage as a leading heelth expert, when I couldn't even lift my arm because of the pain I was in." said King. %s a nutritional researcher I had tried almost everything out there, from fish oils to eggshell membranes and even combinations of ingredients that most others heve never heard of before, but nothing

seemed to get rid of my shoulder pain." FDA Issues New Warnings for Psinkillers

That's the heading that appeared on the popular WebMD website a few years back. The FDA had just finished implementing new rules demending tougher lebel wernings regarding the numerous side-effects cieted with anti-inflemmetory drugs or as they're commonly called, NSAIDs. Sideeffects, from liver damage to stomach bleeding occur all the time in people taking these common drugs. In fact, Dr. Matthew

Holman, deputy director of the FD#s Division of Nonprescription Regulation Development at the time said: "The reculations effect much of the U.S. population because over the counter pain relievers and fever reducers are some of the most commonly used drugs...

King was well aware of the dangers of phermeceutical drugs in the NSAID category which is why he would only take them when the pein was unbeerable and only for a dey or two max. "Millions of people around the world pop these drugs like candy never realizing how damaging they can be said King. So you can imagine King's elation when a colleague of his handed him a bottle of LeafSource and said: "If this doesn't help you, nothing will." Not only did King's pein ell but diseppear within a few days, he

LeafSource. I was always in pretty good shape and had a good deal of energy, or at least I thought I did." said King. "You don't reelize how much better things can be until you discover that extre edge. Today I em pein free end in the best shape of my life and I owe a lot of that to my newfound ability to perform exercises I hadn't been able to perform in many, many years.

Sick and Tired of Being Tired? Unrelenting pain is far from the only thing people complein about these days. In fact, leck of energy is the number one reason people visit their doctors. Unfortunately constantly feeling fired is often a by product of our hectic, stressed out, sleepless, poor diet lifestyles and whether people want to hear this or not, the remedy cannot

be found within a coffee mug or a soft drink with heart-ettack levels of caffeins added! Stimulents like cuffeine ecoomplish nothing more than depleting our natural energy reserves because they elevate str hormones, which further eat away at natural energy. The end result is we become dependent on the temporery loft we fael every time we consume them

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Strengthens Immune System Forget all those so-called remedies for colds, flues and other viral outbreaks. bacques LesfSource contains anacializad substances that eid in the development of a stronger immune system University research studies here proven that LeafSource is excellent at supporting immune cells and building a healthy blood system, which is vital to overall good health. I have witnessed too many older individuals who were constantly sick, suddenly get well and stay healthy by using LeafSource not to be completely convinced it works," seld Rebecca Keeting, a registered nurse and Director of Cere et e leeding retirement

Improves Skin Heir end Naits Aside from reducing pain and Inflammation, increasing energy levels naturally and helping to maintain a robust immune system, enother benefit of this incredible discovery is it can help you maintein the heelth of your skin, heir end neile. It turns out, LeafSource also contains specialized nutrients that both increase and support the production of collagen, elastin and k the main proteins required for beautiful skin lustrous hair and strong nails. This is one of the reasons some of the top beauty salons carry LeafSource, as their patrons swear by its almost miraculous beauty effects. All Natural Relief from LeafSource:

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